



Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and the Sahyun Genealogical Library

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SBCGS General Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2022, 9:30 - 12 Noon

Featuring Craig Roberts Scott

"The History of Genealogy"



The speaker for the October 15th meeting is Craig Scott. The title of his presentation is *The History of Genealogy*. Genealogy is as old as history. In antiquarian times it provided the basis for claims for monarchs to their thrones. It was not the activity of the common person. In the 1890s, it provided a basis for claims for membership in lineage societies, such as the Mayflower Descendants and the

Daughters of the American Revolution, among others. In the 1970s, interest increased with the television series *Roots*. In the 1990s, it became more accessible to the occasional user. The explosion of the Web and the existence of both free and subscription services led to an explosion of interest in the hobby and the profession.

Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG, FUGA is the President and CEO of *Heritage Books, Inc.*, a genealogical publishing firm with over 9,500 titles in print. A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than thirty-five years, he specializes in records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military. He has coordinated the Military tracks at IGHR, SLIG, and GRIP in years past. He is a former Treasurer and Director of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He has been a faculty member or coordinator of research tracks in the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh. He is currently the Coordinator of the SLIG Consultation Track, helping students solve their brick wall problems.

HYBRID Meeting!

This meeting is in person at the First Presbyterian Church (State and Constance, Santa Barbara), and on Zoom.

Special Interest Groups will meet only in person.

9:30 - 10:25 am PDT on October 15, 2022

Special Interest Groups will meet in person at the church.

10:30 - 11:00am PDT

Business Meeting will be in person and on Zoom.

~11:00 - 12:00 Noon PDT

Program with Craig Scott will be in person and on Zoom.

Only Zoom attendees are required to register to receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the meeting.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZElduihqzktHN18zfegN1DeCT-PA2bDboJdG>

The library will be OPEN from 1-4:00pm following this meeting.

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Golden Anniversary



SAVE THE DATE!

50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Noon to 4 pm

Santa Barbara Carriage Museum

Celebrating 50 Years of Finding Family & Friends

You won't want to miss this unforgettable event!

Ancestors West

Kristin Ingalls, Editor

The theme for our next issue:

THREADS



Threads?? What kind of a theme is that? What image, idea, memory does the word "threads" evoke? Any of these?

Following a thread; tying up loose threads; hanging on by a thread; threading your way through; images of clothing, of occupations using thread; "it was like threading a needle;" weaving; the tapestry of life; the common threads that bind us together; the continuous thread of past and present; DNA threads; sewing bees; cotton plantations; threadbare furniture, carpets and possessions.

And lots more! Keep thinking – and then write your thoughts, stories, research, ideas and send them to Kristin Ingalls antkap@cox.net I think this is going to be a fun issue! **The deadline is October 15**

HEY—has this theme tied your brains in knots? We understand. If you have a good story on any subject at all, it will be welcome!

Presidents' Message

Arthur Sylvester



Word on the street has it that the SBCGS (that's us) is the best organized, best run non-profit organization in Santa Barbara. Whaaat? How can that be? We don't have executive officers to run things for us; we have a tight budget, low dues, and a modest membership. But we do have what many non-profits lack: a strong cadre of enthusiastic volunteers led by equally strong, capable, talented chairs to attend all the

things an increasingly complex organization must do.

In the last few weeks, I have met with, and witnessed the enormous time and energy, the committee chairs, themselves volunteers, devote to the business and welfare of the Society.

Yes, these are very talented people, and they do some marvelous things for the Society, but they cannot do it all alone year after year. They need help now and then, and they need fresh recruits to step up and repopulate their committees which were decimated during the COVID-19 hiatus.

The library always needs volunteer librarians. Can you cut and paste? Outreach needs your help in preparing the displays for Family History Month and the 50th Anniversary. Are you a baker and organizer? We shall go hungry unless you can help with refreshments once a month. Do you play the stock market? Do you like gardening and landscaping? Want to get to know more people in the Society?

Telephone or email our new Coordinator of Volunteers, Kathy Cremeen (kajcremeen@gmail.com; (805) 453-5979). She is waiting eagerly to hear from you. We have a lot of things going on during the remainder of this year, and we need your "little," just as Ed Storr used to say, "if each of us does a little, we all do a lot."

The City of Santa Barbara wants to widen the sidewalk from 8 to 10 feet and add a bike path along Castillo Street in front of our library for ADA compliancy. The City's current plan is to take a nip out of our property by removing our retaining wall, our fence, and our bougainvillea to gain the necessary width.

The City will hold a public on-line meeting from 5:30-7pm on October 6 and a public on-site meeting on Saturday, October 8, from 10am-noon. You must register for the October 6 meeting; the gathering place for the October 8 meeting is at the Castillo-Haley Streets intersection.

The necessary planning will occur in 2023, followed by application for State and Federal funds in 2024-2025, and the project will commence construction in 2026. Construction is a long way off, but in the meantime, I urge you to attend the public meetings to show support for our side of the matter. Except for the people across the street, we are the only entity materially affected by the widening.

Congratulate John Woodward the next time you see him as the recipient of Santa Barbara Beautiful's prestigious Griswold Award for Philanthropy. See the glowing citations in copies of the event program at the library. Arthur Sylvester, President

Immediate Volunteer Opportunities

The Information Technology Team has immediate opportunities for volunteers in three areas of our support for the Society:

1. **Set up the equipment for hybrid meetings** at the library and at the church for our monthly meetings. This requires people who are knowledgeable about connecting to WiFi and familiar with Zoom. Responsibilities include downloading files from our cloud server at Box.com and setting up the Owl 360 for conferencing with remote attendees, for which we'll provide training.

We are seeking two volunteers. One of these volunteers will need to be onsite at the church each month. They may also be asked to pick up the equipment from the library and bring it to the church.

If you are interested in helping, please contact itchair@sbgen.org.

2. **Serve as Assistant Webmaster on our new website** to help with ongoing regular updates and occasional modifications. Previous experience working with websites is required. WordPress experience is a big plus. You'll assist with uploading content to the Book Angels page, adding events to the calendar, posting Ancestors West and Tree Tips issues, and modifying text on web pages.

Training will be provided. Please contact webmaster@sbgen.org if you are interested.

3. **Records Preservation needs an Excel expert** to assist with reformatting data to upload to our new online database. This requires familiarity with Excel functions for transforming dates, executing Excel macros, and HTML.

Training will be provided. If you have these skills and are detail-oriented, please contact research@sbgen.org to learn more.

The Information Technology Team meets on the third Monday of the month at 11 a.m. for one hour on Zoom. We invite anyone with a computer or technology background to join us at our next meeting on October 11th at 11 a.m. Contact itchair@sbgen.org to obtain the Zoom meeting link.

Have You Seen Our New Online Database?

Our volunteers have digitized and indexed more than 200,000 primary-source records and indexes which are being added to the Society's searchable online database. Birth, death, burial, marriage, naturalization, court, tax, and land records, among others, will be coming soon. Collections not yet digitized will be added in the future, including some historic marriage, death, burial, and local cemetery indexes. Record images, when available, can be purchased. Members receive a discounted price when logged into the website.

This month, 2229 Obituary Records from the Gledhill Library Scrapbooks have been added to our new online database. You can search them here: <https://sbgen.org/start-your-search/search-database/#/search>

Library News

Laurie Hannah, Librarian



We have more exciting news about the library! Thanks to a very generous donor, we have been able to replace all the old Apple computers in the library. There are now three beautiful blue iMacs waiting for users like you to come in and start your research!

Hopefully, many of you attended the Library Open House on October 2 and learned something new about our vast resources. We had many displays and activities, including “*50 Things To Do in the Sahyun Library*.” Try it! Choose an activity or library resource that you have never explored before and try to learn more about it.

Here's one for starters:

Search for periodical articles using the free version of PERSI (Periodical Source Index) at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center <https://www.genealogycenter.info/persi/> PERSI is an index to “more than 3 million citations to readily-available periodical sources.” If you have ever written an article for Ancestors West, you will likely find it indexed in PERSI. Once you find an article of interest, ask a library volunteer to help you search our catalog for the periodical. We may very well have it, and if we don't, we can guide you to a library that does.

October is Family History Month! We look forward to seeing you in the library.

Laurie Hannah, Library Director

Book Angels

Please be an angel and help us make these important acquisitions. These books have been approved and/or purchased by the SBCGS Book Acquisition Committee. The price listed here is half of what it cost SBCGS to purchase it.

To be an Angel and make a donation, click here:

<https://sbgen.org/get-involved/book-angels>

- Choose the book you would like to support and click Add to Cart, you may add more than one book. **SCROLL DOWN. There are many books from which to choose.**
- When you're ready click Checkout and choose payment method, credit card or send a check.
- A bookplate with your name will be placed inside the front cover of the book you support.

Land Acknowledgment Statement

“The land on which many of us live and where our library is located is part of the ancient homeland and traditional territory of the Chumash people. We recognize and respect the Chumash Peoples past, present, and future and their continuing presence in their homeland as we join in stewarding this land which we all cherish.”

All About Our “New In The Library” Shelf

by Chris Klukkert



There's a fun new addition to the New In The Library bookcase. Library Director, Laurie Hannah, has started a “**Staff Picks**” shelf, with some of the books already within our library holdings that librarians or patrons have found particularly helpful, insightful or essential to their genealogy research. **I think you are going to want to see what books have been pulled for display.**

Also on our **New in The Library** shelf, we have a two-volume set of Revolutionary War books that you might NOT want to find your relative in. They are ***Military Desertions During the American Revolution***. I have to say I did find one of my Revolutionary War family members in there, but gratefully, he was commanding the regiment that was missing the deserted soldier. Whew! It was a quick heart skip until I confirmed that from the index to the page. Here is a more complete description of this great resource.

“Soldiers deserted from all theaters of the Revolution, although roughly as many deserted during the first two years of the war as in the period after June 1777, as the Patriot army became more professionalized. When soldiers ran away, a designated officer placed an advertisement in the local newspaper describing the deserter in considerable detail and offering a reward for his capture. Those advertisements comprise the basis for Mr. Boyle's new two-volume series, which is nothing less than a complete transcription of all the desertion notices found in 38 newspapers published from Massachusetts to North Carolina from 1775 to 1783. Each notice describes the individual by physical features, his place of birth or last residence, occupation, company served in, date missing, and other characteristics. The index at the back of each volume lists every full name given in the notices, or roughly 7,500 names in all.”

We look forward to your library visit and we encourage and welcome suggestions for other genealogy books for our collection.

We want to thank the following generous donors:

Alex Grzywacki Sue Ramsey
Cheryl Jensen Robert Smitheram
Marj Friestad Edith Ogella JoAnne Treloar



Beautiful and delicious welcome to visitors on Family History Month Open House, October 2, 2022

Outreach

by Holly Snyder

Goleta Library Display Case



Our Goleta Library display is up! Go during open hours and see a little bit of our history as a Society, displays we've done at the Goleta Library since 1976, what we offer, technological advances in the genealogy world, and how to find your ancestors. Did you know that our Goleta Library display in 1976 was our first display? It even made the newspaper! Check out the picture in the article in the Goleta Library display and the full article at the Sahyun Library.

Family History Month Open House

Wow, thank you to all of our volunteers! I know Kate will be doing an official thank you to you all, but I wanted to personally thank each and every one of you! As the event organizer, I truly appreciate you!



I would love to hear your thoughts about the event whether you were there as a volunteer or as an attendee. Please email outreach@sbgen.org with your thoughts and suggestions.



Thank you to the outside organizations for joining us! This year, **Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, Sons of the Union Veterans, Daughters of the Union Veterans, and Daughters of the American Revolution** tabled with us. It was a great opportunity for attendees to learn about their programs and resources.



50th Anniversary Exhibit



SLOCGS 55th Anniversary



Thank you Chris Klukert for tabling for us at the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society on Saturday! It was a great way to share our Society and all the great resources we have to offer.

SBTHP Asian Neighborhood

We will be tabling at the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's Asian Neighborhood Festival on October 16. Members Melinda Crawford and Suzanne Mori will share information about the Society, our resources at the Sahyun Library, as well as our next local cultural exhibit- Santa Barbara Asian Americans. Come by our table and say hi! More information: sbthp.org/aanf



If you missed the event or didn't have time to take in the big exhibit on the Society's 50 years, don't worry! The exhibit will be up until December. Outreach pored over the Society's publications Ancestors West and Tree Tips and Tree Tips's predecessor News Cues to learn more about our Society's beginnings. Did you know that our Ancestors West is available for members to view from its first edition in 1974 on our website and TreeTips is available to view since the year 2010 online and back to the 80s in print, as well as News Cues from the late 1970s? Take a look at our publications panel in the Sahyun exhibit to see the changes throughout the years including the first in print and their editors. The Society scrapbooks were also immensely helpful in providing pictures to display. However, we found many pictures were missing during certain years. Do you have pictures from our past events, trips, seminars, old locations, past presidents or charter members? We would still love to have copies! Please send pictures (please let us know who is in the picture, event, and date if possible) to Outreach@sbgen.org. If you'd like to share your memories of the photos, we would love to hear them!



Membership

by Kate Lima

Hello and Happy October to all!

A Warm Welcome to new members as of the last Tree Tips Newsletter:

Mary Hancock



We have a New Member Orientation next month! For anyone who has joined this past year, or if you are finally ready to commit to researching your ancestors and want to learn more about membership, mark your calendar.

Saturday, November 5, 10am.

Until then you can pick up New Member Packets online. Search for "New Member Packet" after you sign in! The packet includes helpful information about the library. In addition, it includes "how to get started in genealogy" tips, forms, and references to several genealogy sources including free websites and Santa Barbara County facilities for local and worldwide family history research.



A big Thank You to all returning members! Our society is built with your contributions - your membership dues, donations, and your volunteer time. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you!
Volunteers

This month we celebrate all of the volunteers that made our Family History Month Open House so memorable. Outreach Chair Holly Snyder gathered a talented and happy group that researched the history, created collages, and made vibrant the walls and grounds of our library. People showed up early to help, worked throughout the event, and then stayed to clean up. **THANK YOU TO ALL!!**

Lynn Adams
Charmien Carrier
Charlene Daly
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Kathy Greene
Cathy Jordan
Kristin Lewis
Dorothy Oksner
Barry Shulman
Art Sylvester

Rosa Avolio
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Kathy Cremeen
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Marj Friestad
Kristin Ingalls
Philip Levien
Elizabeth O'Neal
Judy Sahm
Sharon Summer

37 Volunteers!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at membership@sbgen.org with your questions, comments, and suggestions. And I hope you enjoy the beginning of the Fall!

The Book Nook Woke Up!!

After snoozing through the pandemic, all the hustle and bustle of the library these days has reinvigorated the books on the Book Nook shelves. Many treasures are waiting to find new homes. Let me suggest two very recent books by our own Society members!



Betsy Green has written an in-depth book about silent movies filmed on the fabled estates of Montecito, California. She carefully documents the more than 60 movies produced here, beginning in 1911 and ending in 1928.

The chapter for each movie contains a lively synopsis, behind-the-scenes info, and photos from the movie and the million-dollar mansions. These photos are a fascinating look into the

world of glamor and riches over 100 years ago. A great gift for any movie lover!

Stephan R. Frenkel, the guest speaker at our September monthly meeting, spent over five years researching and weaving together the life of his paternal grandmother, Clara. She was born and raised in the time known as La Belle Epoque in Europe. This beautiful world was shattered for Clara and her family and she fled her homeland in 1939, safely arriving in the United States. It is curious that one of the few things she took with her was her album of autographed photos of the illustrious figures of that time – actors, singers, politicians, authors.



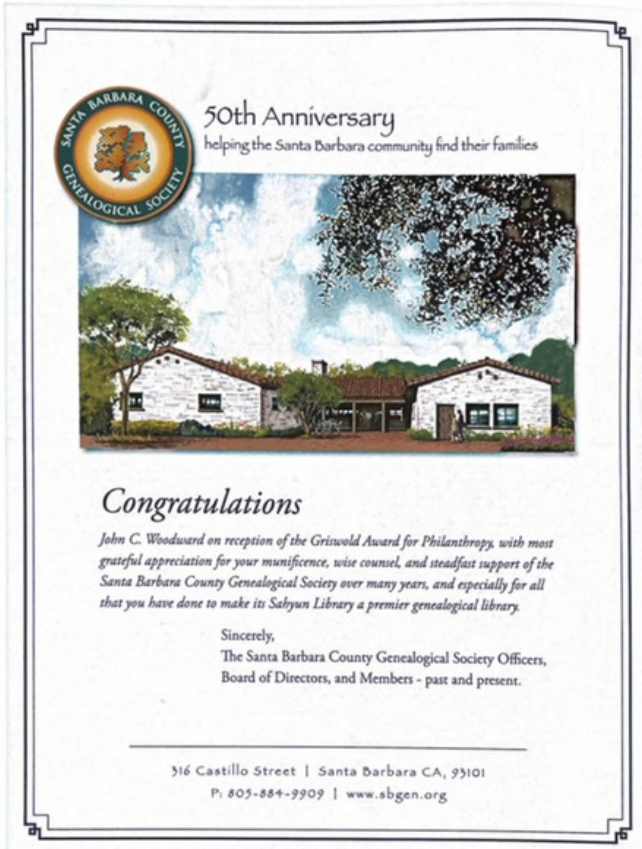
But this is much more than a story of Clara. Mr. Frenkel has put her story into the historic and social context of European history. A must-read for those who are hoping to write their own family stories.

Congratulations, John C. Woodward



John C. Woodward with Dodger on Figueroa Mountain

Congratulations, John, on receiving Santa Barbara Beautiful's Griswold Award for Philanthropy, with most grateful appreciation for your munificence, wise counsel, and steadfast support of the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society over many years, and especially for all that you have done to make its Sahyun Library a premier genealogical library.



Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society's page in the program for Santa Barbara Beautiful's 57th annual awards ceremony.

Family History Month Classes

All Details and all Zoom links will be Found on our Website Here:

<https://sbgen.org/meetings-classes/calendar/>

Beginning Genealogy SIG Meeting

Oct 6, 2022 @ 11:00am | ZOOM ONLY!

Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting

Oct 9, 2022 @ 4:00pm | Sahyun Genealogical Library

Irish Genealogy SIG Meeting

Oct 11, 2022 @ 10:00am | ZOOM ONLY!

Lunch & Learn Tuesdays

Oct 11, 2022 @ 12:00pm | Sahyun Library & Zoom

Work Your Way to Ireland Using American Records First

Oct 12, 2022 @ 10:00am | ZOOM ONLY!

Writing Your Family History

Oct 12, 2022 @ 1:00pm | ZOOM ONLY!

Finding and Researching Civil War Soldiers

Oct 16, 2022 @ 1:00pm | Sahyun Genealogical Library

Searching the Web / Free Genealogy Websites

Oct 18, 2022 @ 10:00am | Sahyun Library & Zoom

Exploring FamilySearch.org

Oct 20, 2022 @ 10:00am | Sahyun Library & Zoom

Open Mic: Share Genealogy Stories, Tips, Pitfalls, and Ah-ha Moments

Oct 20, 2022 @ 6:30pm | ZOOM ONLY!

DNA Lunch & Learn

Oct 21, 2022 @ 12:00pm | ZOOM ONLY!

Sleepless at the Sahyun

Oct 21, 2022 @ 5:00pm | Sahyun Genealogical Library

Crowdsourced Brick Wall Research Assistance

Oct 25, 2022 @ 12:00pm | Sahyun Library & Zoom

Fold3 - Military Records and More

Oct 27, 2022 @ 10:00am | Sahyun Library & Zoom

RootsMagic User Group Meeting

Oct 28, 2022 @ 11:00am | ZOOM ONLY!

European Immigrant Ancestors: Why They Left and How They Got Here, 1820-1920

Oct 28, 2022 @ 3:00pm | ZOOM ONLY!

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